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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: June 02, 2010
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. David Long, Chairperson; Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, Vice-Chairperson; Sen. James Merritt; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Brandt Hershman; Sen. Brent Steele; Sen. Vi Simpson; Sen. Timothy Lanane; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Scott Pelath; Rep. Earl Harris; Rep. Brian Bosma; Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson; Rep. William Friend.

Members Absent: Sen. Connie Sipes; Rep. Russell Stilwell.

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by the Chairman of the Legislative Council, Speaker Bauer.

Speaker Bauer called upon the members present to introduce themselves to the members of the public attending the meeting or watching the webcast.

The first order of business was consideration of proposed Legislative Council Resolution 10-01 (LCR 10-01) concerning the creation of ad hoc study committees and assignment of topics to statutory committees and commissions. (See, Exhibit 1.) Speaker Bauer called upon Jack Ross, the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), to explain LCR 10-01. Mr. Ross explained that LCR 10-01 sets forth the recommendations of the leadership of the Council regarding the topics to be studied this summer and the committee to which each topic should be assigned. The resolution created two new ad hoc study committees, the Interim Study Committee on Gaming and the Interim Study Committee on Education. Specific topics

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were assigned to each of these committees. In addition, Mr. Ross advised that the resolution assigned topics to existing statutory committees, including one newly created statutory committee, the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development.

In response to a question asked by Senator Simpson, Mr. Ross explained that the Health Finance Commission will receive and study a report in July from LSA on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). This report will address the provisions of PPACA that will take effect in 2010 and the impact these provisions will have on the state. LSA will also report to the Legislative Council in September concerning the effects of PPACA on the state after 2010. Mr. Ross also noted that leadership of the council had instructed him to investigate what seminars, programs and educational materials regarding PPACA might be available for legislators and staff. In that regard, Mr. Ross advised the council the NCSL has offered, and continues to offer webinars on PPACA for legislators and legislative staff. Additionally, Mr. Ross advised that he had been in contact with NCSL and that NCSL had expressed a willingness to visit Indiana and make a presentation on PPACA and its potential impact on Indiana in 2010 and beyond. Mr. Ross said he would coordinate with leadership of the Council, the Health Finance Commission and NCSL (and potentially other groups such as the Council of State Governments) regarding the best method of meeting leadership's directive of educating legislators and staff on the provisions of PPACA and its impact on the state of Indiana.

In response to a question from Representative Grubb regarding the lack of primary care providers in Indiana, Mr. Ross explained that LSA, in its reports or in the material and presentations made by NCSL (and possibly others), will attempt to educate legislators and staff regarding all provisions of the PPACA (including provisions related to the issue of access to primary care physicians) and the actions necessary by, and options available to, the state of Indiana.

In response to a question from Representative Bosma, Jack Ross noted that the information on PPACA provided by or through LSA would identify programs in PPACA where the state has the discretion of participating or not participating in such programs.

The Legislative Council adopted Resolution LCR 10-01 by voice vote.

The Legislative Council considered proposed Legislative Council Resolution 10-02 (LCR 10-02). (See, Exhibit 2.) Speaker Bauer asked Jack Ross to explain LCR 10-02. Mr. Ross advised that the proposed resolution contains the policies governing the interim and statutory study committees. He indicated that the resolution is virtually the same as the resolution passed in 2009 regarding the policies governing interim and statutory study committees. Senator Long moved that language be added to emphasize that the council was committed to limiting study committee spending to the budgeted amounts and authorization for greater amounts would only be approved in extraordinary circumstances. The motion was adopted.

The Legislative Council adopted LCR 10-02, as amended, by voice vote.

The Legislative Council next considered proposed Legislative Council Resolution 10-03 (LCR 10-03). Speaker Bauer again asked Mr. Ross to explain the resolution. Mr. Ross advised that the purpose of this resolution is to designate a committee to receive and study the report from LSA, prepared pursuant to LCR 09-04, regarding disproportionate share and other indigent hospital care payment programs. (See, Exhibit 3). The committee so designated in the resolution is the Health Finance Commission.

The Legislative Council adopted Resolution LCR 10-03 by voice vote.

The Council next considered proposed Legislative Council Resolution 10-04 (LCR 10-04)

concerning the payment of annual dues to the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). (See Exhibit 4.) Speaker Bauer asked Mr. Ross to explain the resolution. Mr. Ross explained that the amounts set forth in the resolution were the amounts appropriated for these dues in the budget adopted in 2009. The amount specified in the resolution is the same amount as was paid in dues to these organizations last year. Last year's payment represented an amount that was approximately 4.5% less than the assessed dues from NCSL and CSG. The payments authorized by this resolution would represent an amount that is approximately 8% less than the dues assessment for next year by NCSL and CSG.

The Legislative Council adopted Resolution LCR 10-04 by voice vote.

Chairman Bauer announced the Legislative Council Subcommittee membership and chairs. (See. Exhibit 5.)

Having no other business to discuss, the Legislative Council adjourned at 1:54 p.m.